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The announcement of Mr. Roosevelt that he is a half Southerner, that the South is as dear to him as the North available but little when measured by his acts. Such protestation of devotion can only be accepted with a tremendous degree of doubt. When Wm. McKinley passed from earthly existence the growth of good will between the North and South, and the peace-making policies of his administration that were bearing the fruit of an united country, received a fearful blow. Within a short time Mr. Roosevelt overthrew it all and made the largest contribution to sectional feeling that has stirred Southern people since the days of the carpet-bagger. Half Southerner is no good. Such a plea is only a cloak to cover discrimination and indignities against a section of our common country whose people will not sell their birthright for a mess of pottage—who refuse to bow to racial equality in political and social affairs. If the President is in earnest, if the South is as dear to him as the North, if he is President of the entire country, without bias, administering for the whole instead of a part, then he should cease from appointing officials for the South in opposition to Southern sentiment and intelligence. He should say to Congress when it convenes, tread not upon the sacredness of the Southland and let each community solve its own problems, cherish its traditions and contribute its just proportion of national expense. He should not be a party to the assassination of Southern pleaders in our national Congress under the plea that the ballot has been restricted in certain Southern States, for legal restrictions in the South are no greater crimes than other parts of the country. The law that requires certain qualifications is as precious as the one that demands the payment of tax and representation of a receipt as prerequisite for such franchise. The basic principle of franchise in the South is intelligence, while in some of the other States rests on the dollar. The one principle calculated to stimulate education, the other is adjusted to replenish treasuries. There is not a single reason for the reduction of Southern representation except to advance the interest of the Republican party. It is a party measure for party purpose backed by deceitful pleas to avoid the odium and censure such a measure would receive if its true character and purpose should be presented in the open. Mr. Roosevelt knows the South. He is acquainted with its true conditions. He knows that the true descendants of Revolutionary fathers, the makers and maintainers of this Republic, will never tolerate social equality or political supremacy of the African race in any of the Southern states, and every effort of the National government to ignore white supremacy or to impose any other system, widens the gulf and deepens the chasm between the two races. No true half Southerner would be a party to such demands. It is stated that Mr. Roosevelt will again appoint Crum, Collector at Charleston, notwithstanding the Senate has more than once refused to confirm his appointment. The people of Charleston, of South Carolina, and of the entire Southern country protest against this appointment. If Mr. Roosevelt is a half Southerner, he claims to be, he should not appoint a white person to such a position.

government is not questioned. If he is a true friend to the negro, will not attempt to stir up animosity and bring about conditions that will effect their peace and progress. Placing them in political positions over white people has never brought good to either race. When the representation of the South is butchered to advance a political party, it will bring dissention rather than good will, between the great sections of our country and mark the beginning of much bitterness and strife. Mr. Roosevelt stands for this policy, and yet he claims to be a half Southerner.

In Washington county an enthusiastic farmer Democrat was in Springfield to hear the election returns. As they arrived, State after State sending in large pluralities for Roosevelt, the farmer left the telegraph office and took a stroll. While out it commenced raining, and it was very much needed, the farmer looked up, saying: "That's right, Teddy; let her rain." Two other Democrats in the same office who had listened to the returns until they were sick and tired, withdrew to a corner and were discussing the great calamity. One of them said: "They tell me that Booker Washington ate dinner with Teddy; if he had remained to supper, what would have happened?"

The Elizabethtown News entered its thirty-seventh year last week. As a weekly paper it has no superior in the State, being the largest county paper in the Commonwealth. It is edited by H. A. Sommers, a brilliant and forcible writer, a gentleman who has done much to build up Elizabethtown and Hardin county, and whose writings on national affairs are read with interest, not only by his subscribers, but they remind the metropolitan dailies that there is a country editor down in Kentucky who has been to school, who has opinions, and who knows how to express them. Long live the Elizabethtown News.

Zealous party thieves, Democrats and Republicans, with a disposition to steal and do steal ballot boxes, alter returns, etc., with the hope of depriving the rightful owner of his election should be sent to the penitentiary. The law-abiding people are entitled to a free election and a fair count, but in order to bring this about the thieves must go.

Insane from brooding over a trivial quarrel, Thomas C. Thurman, a wealthy farmer of Larue county, fired both barrels of a gun into the head of J. R. Tenney, a contractor, who was building a barn for him, killing him instantly. Thurman then turned the weapon upon himself, almost blowing the top of his head off.

It is said that D. C. Edwards, Congressman elect, will use his endeavors to have Collector Denton removed. The Somerset Journal is of the opinion that should he succeed Judge Denton will be nominated by the Republicans to succeed Edwards in Congress.

Mr. E. C. Linney, who edited the Mountain Echo, published at London during the Hunter-Edwards fight, has retired from the paper and has become a candidate for county court clerk of Laurel. He will find that he has not lived in the mountains long enough to knock the plum.

Col. W. C. P. Breckenridge, the distinguished lawyer and editor, died at Lexington last Saturday night. He was stricken with paralysis and never spoke.

It is said that the President will make several changes in his cabinet.

### GRADYVILLE.

W. L. Grady informs us that his corn crop was never better.

C. W. Sparks, the popular member of Weed, was with us last night.

S. D. Caldwell, who arrived at Carrollton last night, arrived at Carrollton last night.

from us Prof. J. H. Nell, who was in his thirty-third year of age. He was a bright young man, one that everybody loved. He was a member of the M. E. church and also a member of the Masonic order. He left a mother, several brothers and sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. His funeral was preached by Rev. Jo Nicholson, his pastor, and he was buried at Union by the Masons. Another bright jewel has also been plucked from our midst, Mrs. Lelia Hunter, wife of Mr. Jo Hunter, who passed away on the 17th, aged 34 years. Mrs. Hunter was a Christian in the truest sense. She was a woman that everybody loved. She left a husband and five children, with several brothers and sisters and the community at large to sympathize with them. The funeral service was conducted by Revs. Scruggs, Sandidge and Williams and her remains interred in the Union cemetery, before a large concourse of people.

At this date the remainder of Mr. Jo Hunter's family, who have been confined with fever, are thought to be improving.

Dr. B. F. Taylor, of East Fork, was called to the bedside of Mr. Jo Hunter last Wednesday.

Misses Rowe, of near Columbia, spent several days of last week with the sick here.

B. F. Hunter, Bradfordsville, attended the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jo Hunter last Friday.

Mr. Cleo Sherrill, one of our young men, has gone to Indiana to live.

Geo. Flowers, of Columbia, spent a few days here last week waiting on the sick.

Quite a number of hogs were slaughtered here last week.

Rev. Sandidge filled his appointment at Union Sunday.

Rev. Jo Nicholson and wife spent a day at Bliss last week.

W. L. Grady, the well-known stock man, killed a large snake last week. He says snakes are always in season.

Miss Bettie Dulin, who has been confined to her room for several days with typhoid fever, is thought to be better.

Dr. J. H. Grady, of Columbia, was called to the bedside of J. H. Nell last week.

Geo. H. Nell and C. S. Bell are in Tennessee buying mules.

L. C. Hindman, one of our best farmers, says he raised an ear of corn this season that has 1,300 well matured grains. Who can beat this for ridge land?

Messrs. J. Q. Alexander, Creed Haskins, John Cook, Ed Atkins and W. D. King, commercial men, were here last week taking orders.

Born, to the wife of L. E. Thomas, on the 8th, a daughter. To the wife of Sam Thomas, on the 12th, a son.

Dr. W. T. Grissom, of Bliss, was here last week to see the sick.

J. A. Diddle and J. W. Walker were in Greensburg one day last week.

Long and Morgan, U. S. Marshals, passed through here Saturday night with John Coomer and John Jewel, of Metcalfe county, who are charged with making and selling whisky.

Mr. Zed Akin and family, Sparksville, were here several days at the bedside of Prof. J. H. Nell.

Prof. G. B. Yates is teaching the remainder of the late Prof. J. H. Nell's school.

### CARROLLTON, MO.

If you will allow me a little space in your paper I will give you a little history of our trip to Missouri. My wife, three little girls, R. W. Shirley and son, Jim, Chas. Browning and myself left Greensburg Tuesday morning, November 1, 6:15; arrived at Louisville 10:30. There we met with Mr. Thad Spindle, a relative of Mr. Shirley, who showed us over the city. We first went to the city hall; we went into the detectives department where we saw quite a number of burglar tools of all description. The tools were all taken from burglars. We were also shown many photos of burglars that were tried and convicted. We then went on top of the tower where we could overlook the entire city. We then went to the prison. There were 230 prisoners, 25 were women. Among the number we saw were Messrs. Caleb Powers and Jim Howard. We talked with them several minutes. They seemed to be very glad we came in to see them. We then went to the court-house. There we were shown all the different departments of holding court. We were also shown the library, laws of all the States of the union. This is kept up by the lawyers of the city, each taxed \$10.00 a year. We also saw the statue of Henry Clay. We then went to the Union Depot at 9:15. We left for St. Louis and arrived there Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. Spent the day at the Fair. The sights we saw there are too numerous to mention, but will say there is enough in the agricultural building to keep one looking all day, all the states being represented with its principle machinery and products and no Kentuckian need not go there thinking he would be ashamed of the Kentucky building. It is certainly beautiful. We left St. Louis at 11:30 Wednesday night, arrived at Carrollton last night. We arrived at Carrollton last night.

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